

## REMARKS

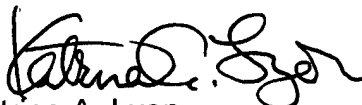
Rejected Claims 1-8 and 10-31 were cancelled. Claim 9 was rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the rejected base claim and any intervening claim, as suggested by the Examiner. Therefore, Claim 9 is now patentable.

It should be noted that the foregoing changes were made to further prosecution of the patent application. No admission is made that the rejected claims 1-8 and 10-31 are anticipated and obvious. In fact, it is the applicants' position that the rejected claims are clearly patentable over the cited art.

The applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowability of Claim 9.

In summary, it is believed that the foregoing amendment has placed claim 9 in condition for allowance. Allowance of this claims at an early date is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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